



South Carolina Department of Health
and Environmental Control

Division of Procurement Services

Request for Proposal
Amendment - 2

Solicitation No.: RFP-37491-1/19/10-EMW

Date Issued: 1/20/10

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DESCRIPTION: Contract to provide collection and analysis of ambient water samples for trace concentrations of mercury and methyl-mercury from sample stations throughout the State of South Carolina

USING GOVERNMENTAL UNIT: South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control

The Term "Offer" Means Your "Bid" or "Proposal". Your offer must be submitted in a sealed package. Solicitation Number & Opening Date must appear on package exterior. See "Submitting Your Offer" provision.

SUBMIT YOUR SEALED OFFER TO EITHER OF THE FOLLOWING ADDRESSES:

MAILING ADDRESS:

SC DHEC – Division of Procurement Services
Bureau of Business Management
2600 Bull Street
Columbia, S.C. 29201

PHYSICAL ADDRESS:

SC DHEC – Division of Procurement Services
Bureau of Business Management
2600 Bull Street, Room 1200 – Aycock Bldg.
Columbia, S.C. 29201

SUBMIT OFFER BY: January 28, 2010/2:30 pm ET

(See "Deadline For Submission Of Offer" provision)

QUESTIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY:

(See "Questions From Offerors" provision)

NUMBER OF COPIES TO BE SUBMITTED: One (1) original and six (6) copies

CONFERENCE TYPE: N/A
DATE & TIME:

LOCATION: N/A

(As appropriate, see "Conferences - Pre-Bid/Proposal" & "Site Visit" provisions)

AWARD &
AMENDMENTS

Award will be posted on **February 9, 2010**. The award, this solicitation, any amendments, and any related notices will be posted at the following web address: <http://www.scdhec.net/procurement>

You must submit a signed copy of this form with Your Offer. By submitting a bid or proposal, You agree to be bound by the terms of the Solicitation. You agree to hold Your Offer open for a minimum of thirty (30) calendar days after the Opening Date.
(See "Signing Your Offer" and "Electronic Signature" provisions.)

NAME OF OFFEROR

(full legal name of business submitting the offer)

Any award issued will be issued to, and the contract will be formed with, the entity identified as the Offeror. The entity named as the offeror must be a single and distinct legal entity. Do not use the name of a branch office or a division of a larger entity if the branch or division is not a separate legal entity, i.e., a separate corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship, etc.

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

(Person must be authorized to submit binding offer to contract on behalf of Offeror.)

TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NO.

(See "Taxpayer Identification Number" provision)

TITLE

(business title of person signing above)

STATE VENDOR NO.

(Register to Obtain S.C. Vendor No. at www.procurement.sc.gov)

PRINTED NAME

(printed name of person signing above)

DATE SIGNED

STATE OF INCORPORATION

(If you are a corporation, identify the state of incorporation.)

OFFEROR'S TYPE OF ENTITY: (Check one)

(See "Signing Your Offer" provision.)

☐ Sole Proprietorship

☐ Partnership

☐ Other

☐ Corporate entity (not tax-exempt)

☐ Corporation (tax-exempt)

☐ Government entity (federal, state, or local)

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HOME OFFICE ADDRESS (Address for offeror's home office / principal place of business)	NOTICE ADDRESS (Address to which all procurement and contract related notices should be sent.) (See "Notice" clause)
	Area Code - Number Extension Facsimile
	E-mail Address

PAYMENT ADDRESS (Address to which payments will be sent.) (See "Payment" clause)	ORDER ADDRESS (Address to which purchase orders will be sent) (See "Purchase Orders and "Contract Documents" clauses)
<input type="checkbox"/> Payment Address same as Home Office Address <input type="checkbox"/> Payment Address same as Notice Address (check only one)	<input type="checkbox"/> Office Address same as Home Office Address <input type="checkbox"/> Office Address same as Notice Address (check only one)

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF AMENDMENTS Offerors acknowledges receipt of amendments by indicating amendment number and its date of issue. (See "Amendments to Solicitation" Provision)							
Amendment No.	Amendment Issue Date	Amendment No.	Amendment Issue Date	Amendment No.	Amendment Issue Date	Amendment No.	Amendment Issue Date

DISCOUNT FOR PROMPT PAYMENT (See "Discount for Prompt Payment" clause)	10 Calendar Days (%)	20 Calendar Days (%)	30 Calendar Days (%)	____ Calendar Days (%)
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PREFERENCES – A NOTICE TO VENDORS (SEP. 2009): On June 16, 2009, the South Carolina General Assembly rewrote the law governing preferences available to in-state vendors, vendors using in-state subcontractors, and vendors selling in-state or US end products. This law appears in Section 11-35-1524 of the South Carolina Code of Laws. A summary of the new preferences is available at www.procurement.sc.gov/preferences. ***ALL THE PREFERENCES MUST BE CLAIMED AND ARE APPLIED BY LINE ITEM, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER AWARD IS MADE BY ITEM OR LOT. VENDORS ARE CAUTIONED TO CAREFULLY REVIEW THE STATUTE BEFORE CLAIMING ANY PREFERENCES. THE REQUIREMENTS TO QUALIFY HAVE CHANGED. IF YOU REQUEST A PREFERENCE, YOU ARE CERTIFYING THAT YOUR OFFER QUALIFIES FOR THE PREFERENCE YOU'VE CLAIMED. IMPROPERLY REQUESTING A PREFERENCE CAN HAVE SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES.*** [11-35-1524(E)(4)&(6)]

PREFERENCES – ADDRESS AND PHONE OF IN-STATE OFFICE: Please provide the address and phone number for your in-state office in the space provided below. An in-state office is necessary to claim either the Resident Vendor Preference (11-35-1524(C)(1)(i)7(ii) or the Resident Contractor Preference (11-35-1524(C)(1)(iii). Accordingly, you must provide this information to qualify for the preference. An in-state office is not required, but can be beneficial, if you are claiming the Resident Subcontractor Preference (11-35-1524(D)).

☐ In-State Office Address same as Home Office Address
 ☐ In-state Office Address same as Notice Address
 (check only one)

AMENDMENTS TO SOLICITATION (DHEC – FEB 2007)

- (a) The Solicitation may be amended at any time prior to opening. All actual and prospective Offerors should monitor the following web site for the issuance of Amendments: <http://www.scdhec.gov/procurement/>
- (b) Offerors shall acknowledge receipt of any amendment to this solicitation (1) by signing and returning the amendment, (2) by identifying the amendment number and date in the space provided for this purpose on Page Two, (3) by letter, or (4) by submitting a bid that indicates in some way that the bidder received the amendment.
- (c) If this solicitation is amended, then all terms and conditions which are not modified remain unchanged.

Amendment Number Two

The solicitation is amended as follows:

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING OFFERS (BIDS) FOR THE IFB HAS BEEN CHANGED FROM 2:30 PM ET ON JANUARY 21, 2010 TO 2:30 PM ET ON JANUARY 28, 2010.

THE POSTING DATE FOR THE RFP HAS BEEN CHANGED FROM JANUARY 29, 2010 TO FEBRUARY 9, 2010.

Questions and Answers

1. In amendment 1 you clearly state that certification is required for method 1669 and that you require method 1631E for the total mercury analysis in the RFP. In amendment 1 you have a link to the DHEC certification checklist for method 1669 it states that "the blanks must be analyzed by a laboratory certified by this office to analyze samples using EPA method 1631C". Why do you require low level certification using 1631C and the sample analysis for this RFP for method 1631E? It is my understanding that 1631 E is the most current method used to analyze for total Hg and that 1631C is outdated. Why are you requiring an outdated method for certification?

Answer: The checklist on the DHEC website needs to be updated; please use the most recent revision, as instructed in the RFP.

2. The answer to question 10 (from the first amendment) states that field blanks for the sediment sampler are required, but in the answer to question 23 (also from the first amendment) DHEC states that field blanks will not be required for sediment samples. Please clarify this. Are field blanks required for the sediment samples?

Answer: DHEC has considered the difficulties associated with defining and collecting a sediment blank, and has decided that a sediment blank will not be required in the context of this study. Therefore DHEC will accept the water field blank as inclusive of sediment, as indicated in question 10 and stated in question 24.

As a point of clarification, equipment blanks will be required for sediment sampling equipment, as well as for water sampling equipment.

3. For methyl-mercury and mercury in sediments, the MRL should have been listed in ng/g, not ng/L (which is for an aqueous sample).

Answer: A sediment-specific MRL was not specified in the RFP. It is appropriate to submit sediment concentrations in ng/g, rather than ng/L as specified in the RFP for aqueous samples.

4. According to the Appendix to Method 1631, the MRL listed in the RFP is not attainable.

Answer: DHEC recognizes that there are no EPA laboratory methods for clean analysis of metals concentrations in sediments; therefore, method modifications may be necessary for low-level analyses of sediment digestates. Any proposal should describe method modifications for the analyses of sediment metals concentrations and associated laboratory MRLs.